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To the Honorable Council City of Norfolk, Virginia

R-12

Tax Overpayment

Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached please find an ordinance directing the City Treasurer to refund to Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C. \$73,479.50 based upon the overpayment of Business License Taxes for years 2011 through 2013, resulting in a refund due of \$73,479.50, plus interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A. Pishko City Attorney

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance

1/12/15mr

Form and Correctness Approved:

Office of the City Attorney

Contents Approved:

DEPT. Commissioner of the Revenue

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to Section 72 of the City Charter, I hereby certify that the money required for this item is in the city treasury to the credit of the fund from which it is drawn and not appropriated for any other purpose.

\$ 73,479.50 1000-410

Director of Finance

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ORDINANCE No.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE A REFUND TO PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. BASED UPON THE OVERPAYMENT OF ITS BUSINESS LICENSE TAX FOR THE YEARS 2011 THROUGH 2013.

WHEREAS the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined that the business license tax was erroneously overpaid by Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C. for the tax years 2011 through 2013, and has corrected this assessment in accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1-3981; and

WHEREAS the Commissioner of the Revenue has certified with the consent of the City Attorney that the aforementioned taxpayer paid all taxes due on the erroneous assessment and is entitled to a refund of excess taxes paid based on the corrected assessment in the amount of \$73,479.50, plus interest;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That \$73,479.50 is hereby appropriated for a refund to Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C. for tax years 2011 through 2013;

Section 2:- That the Treasurer of the City of Norfolk is hereby directed to refund to Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C. in the amount specified

above as soon as practicable upon passage of this ordinance.

Section 3:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

Norfolk Commissioner of the Revenue Certification and Request for the Refund Of Previously Paid Tax to:

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC

Account Number 91500-29851

January 7, 2015

Overview:

<u>Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC</u> paid business license tax on gross receipts attributable to other states and requested a deduction for 2011-2013 business license assessments in accordance with *Virginia Code §58.1-3732 (B)(2)*.

In compliance with **Norfolk Code § 24-7**, the Commissioner of the Revenue's files pertaining to this request are available for inspection by the City Attorney.

Financial Impact:

The refund reduces the Business License revenue by \$73,479.50 for fiscal year 2015.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that the City Attorney consent to the issuance of the refund and call for City Council to direct the City Treasurer to refund the **Business License** tax over payment of \$73,479.50 with interest.

Certification

I, C. Evans Poston Jr., Commissioner of the Revenue for the City of Norfolk, certify that Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC is due a refund in the amount of \$73,479.50 with interest as specified by Norfolk City Code 24-25.3(1)(f) due to the overpayment of the Business License tax for the year 2014.

C. Evans Poston Jr., Commissioner of the Revenue

Bernard Pishko, City Attorney